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Heroes

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Now, Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life – even when he's being chased by badniks!

Villains

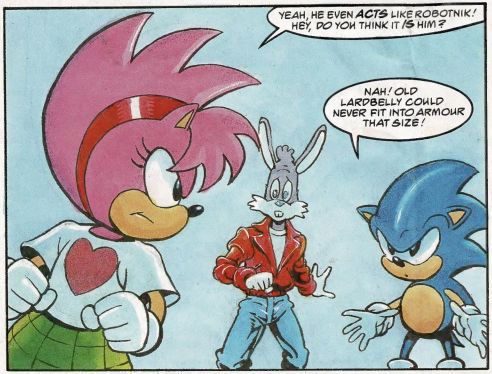
DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

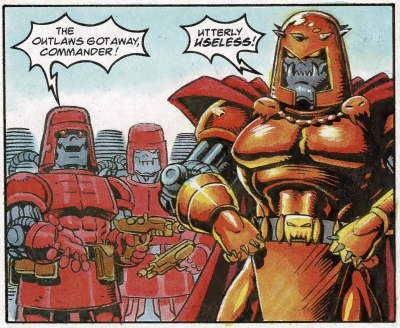
GRIMER

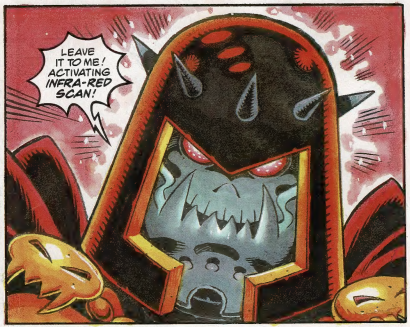
Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!

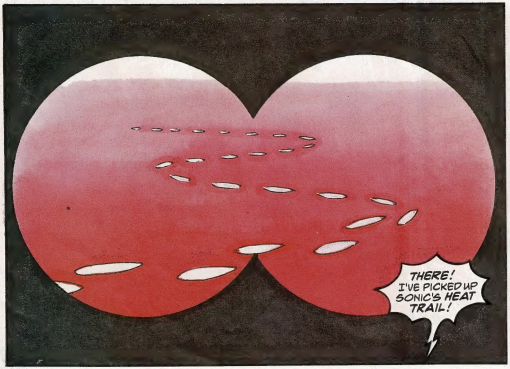
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS PROGRAMMED A TROOPER (KNOWN AS BRUTUS) WITH A COPY OF HIS OWN BRAIN PATTERNS. HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO ROBOTNIK, BRUTUS LEADS A PLATOON OF ROBOTS INTO THE PLEASANT ZONE TO DESTROY SONIC!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Project Brutus
Part 2
Script: LEW STRINGER
Art: RICHARD ELSON
Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE
FINISH THEM! QUICKLY, YOU FOOLS!
GIVE UP, BUCKETBONCES! YOU'LL NEVER BE QUICK ENOUGH TO GET ME!
MOVE OUT OF THE FIRING RANGE! WE NEED TIME TO PLAN AN ATTACK!
WHO IS THAT BRUTUS GUY?
I'VE NEVER MET HIM... BUT HE SOUNDS LIKE ROBOTNIK!


YEAH, HE EVEN ACTS LIKE ROBOTNIK! HEY, DO YOU THINK IT IS HIM?
NAH! OLD LARDBELLY COULD NEVER FIT INTO ARMOUR THAT SIZE!

I FIGURE THAT BRUTUS HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED TO THINK AND ACT LIKE ROBOTNIK ... WHICH MAKES HIM ONE DANGEROUS DUDE!


THE OUTLANS GOT AWAY, COMMANDER!
UTTERLY USELESS!


LEAVE IT TO ME! ACTIVATING INFRA-RED SCAN!


THERE! I'VE PICKED UP SONIC'S HEAT TRAIL!

FOLLOW ME!

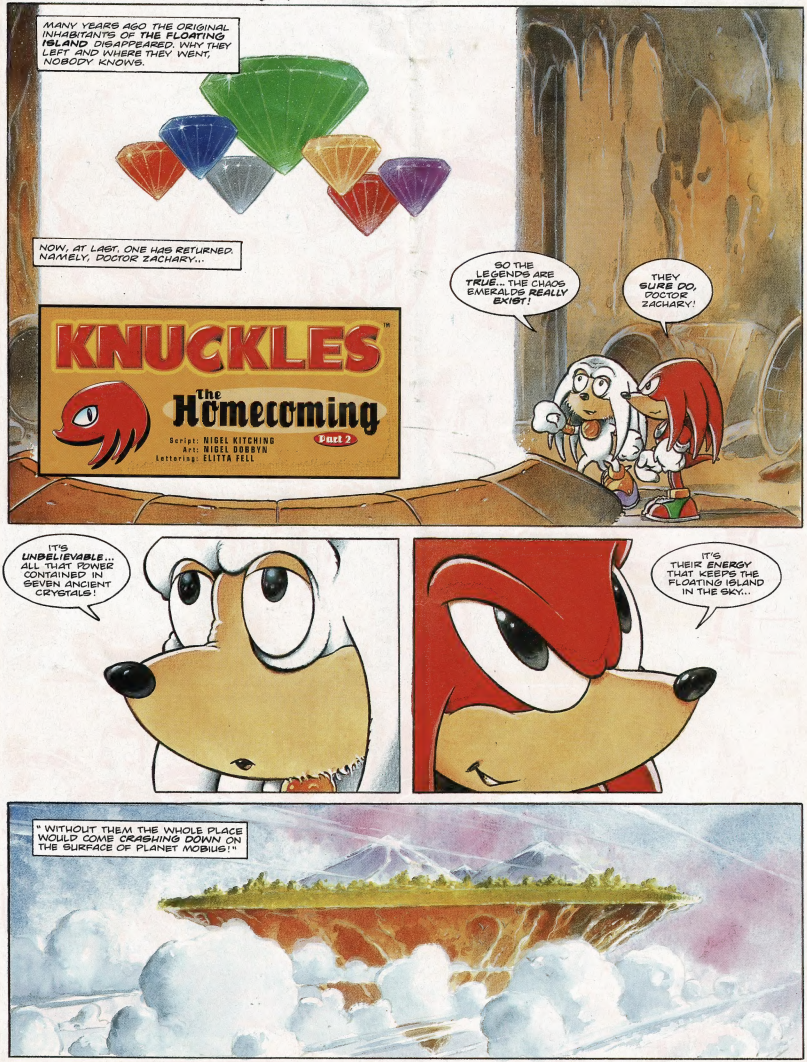
CITADEL ROBOTNIK, METROPOLIS ZONE CITY...
RECEPTIONIK, GET ME COMMANDER BRUTHS! I HAVE A MISSION FOR HIM!
ERM... COMMANDER BRUTHS IS ALREADY ON A MISSION, SIR!
WHAAAT? I GAVE HIM NO ORDERS!
WHERE IS HE?
W-WE HAD A TIP OFF THAT SONIC WAS IN THE PLEASANT ZONE AND BRUTHS DECIDED TO DEAL WITH IT!
I SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO KNOW IF SONIC HAS BEEN SIGHTED! PUT ME IN CONTACT WITH BRUTHS, NOW!
Y-YES SIR!
MEANWHILE...
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE BRUTHS HAS SPOTTED US!
NO SWEAT! I WAS GETTING BORED HIDING ANYWAY!

TIME TO WORK OUT!
GET HIM!
TRASH!
THE ONLY THING YOU LOSERS ARE GONNA "GET" IS A SUPER SPIN ATTACK!
YOU'LL FIND I'M NOT SO EASY TO DESTROY, HEDGEHOG!
YEAH, I KNOW HOW TOUGH YOU ARE, DUDE...
...SO I'M GOING FOR THE LESS DIRECT APPROACH!
WHNNHH?
A FIRM GRIP OF BRUTUS' CLOAK, AND...

THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO POSE IN A CLOAK!
FLIP!
WHAAA?
CRRAASHH!
AAGHH--!
COMMANDER?
SO MUCH FOR MISTER TOUGH GUY!
DON'T COUNT ME OUT, SPIKEBALL!
FOOOM!
YET!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CALLING COMMANDER BRUTHS! REPORT AT ONCE!
NOT NOW!
ER... YOU'D BETTER RESPOND, COMMANDER. SOUNDS URGENT!
YOU HEARD NOTHING, SOLDIER! FAULTY TRANSMISSION- UNDERSTOOD?
LOOKS BAD, SONIC!
STAY COOL, JOHNNY! BY ATTACKING BRUTHS FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS WE'LL DO MORE DAMAGE!
NOT ANOTHER MOVE, SONIC, OR PINKY GETS A NEW HAIR-STYLE!
LET HER GO, YOU CHROME-PLATED CREEP!
GET YOUR OILY MITTS OFF ME!
IT'S ALL OVER, SONIC! I'VE WON!
DON'T GIVE UP, SONIC! THIS GOON WON'T GET THE BETTER OF ME.
I... CAN'T RISK YOUR LIFE, AMY!
THIS IS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CALLING ON A HIGHER FREQUENCY! COME IN, BRUTHS!
AAGH! FREQUENCY SHAKING MY CIRCUITS!

COMMANDER BRHTHS HERE, DOCTOR! PLEASE RETURN TO NORMAL FREQUENCY!
VERY WELL, BUT EXPLAIN WHY YOH DIDN'T RESPOND BEFORE!
A SLIGHT HITCH – A BUILDING FELL ON ME! HOWEVER, I CAPTURED SONIC AND THE OUTLAWS AND AM ABOUT TO EXECUTE THEM!
IMPRESSIVE – BUT I WANT THEM ALIVE ... FOR NOW! BRING THEM BACK TO CITADEL ROBOTNIK!
YOU'VE WON A SLIGHT REPRIEVE, HEDGEHOG. OUR LEADER WANTS YOU ALIVE!
I KNEW HE HAD A SOFT SPOT FOR ME!
HOLD YOUR TONGUE, TROOPERS, PUT THEM IN CHAINS!
YOH AND ROBOTNIK ARE SO ALIKE, TIN HEAD! NEITHER OF YOU HAS A SENSE OF HUMOUR!
I MAY ONLY HAVE A COPY OF ROBOTNIK'S MIND, OUTLAWS, BUT I HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT EVEN HE COULDN'T DO ... I HAVE DEFEATED SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
NEXT ISSUE: SONIC FIGHTS BACK!


MANY YEARS AGO THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND DISAPPEARED. WHY THEY LEFT AND WHERE THEY WENT, NOBODY KNOWS.
NOW, AT LAST, ONE HAS RETURNED. NAMELY, DOCTOR ZACHARY...
KNUCKLES
The Homecoming
Part 2
Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: NIGEL DOBBYN
Lettering: ELITTA FELL
SO THE LEGENDS ARE TRUE... THE CHAOS EMERALDS REALLY EXIST!
THEY SURE DO, DOCTOR ZACHARY!
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE... ALL THAT POWER CONTAINED IN SEVEN ANCIENT CRYSTALS!
IT'S THEIR ENERGY THAT KEEPS THE FLOATING ISLAND IN THE SKY...
" WITHOUT THEM THE WHOLE PLACE WOULD COME CRASHING DOWN ON THE SURFACE OF PLANET MOBIUS!"

LOOK DOC, I HAVE A MILLION QUESTIONS...
FOR INSTANCE, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE LEFT THE FLOATING ISLAND, LET ALONE WHEN THEY PLAN TO RETURN!
WHY WAS I LEFT TO GUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND WHILE THEY'RE AWAY?
YES, YES I HAVE MUCH TO TELL YOU, KNUCKLES...
BUT NOW I AM WEARY AND NEED SLEEP. WHAT I HAVE TO SAY WILL WAIT TILL MORNING.
FOR DAYS I HAVE BEEN IN HIDING... THE ROBOT HAS NEVER BEEN SO CLOSE TO CATCHING ME BEFORE.*
*SEE LAST ISSUE - Megadroid.
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE ROBOT NOW! I TOOK CARE OF HIM!
DON'T BE SO SURE. THE ROBOT IS VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE AND IT IS ABLE TO TRACK ME SOMEHOW...
"IT WILL NEVER REST UNTIL IT HAS ME, NEVER!"

THAT NIGHT, KNUCKLES FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SLEEP.
I CAN'T GET THAT ROBOT OUT OF MY MIND... I'M SURE I RECOGNISE THE DESIGN...
MAYBE IT WAS SOMETHING I SAW IN THESE ANCIENT SCROLLS...
AH-HA! THERE IS IT!
BUT WHY SHOULD ONE OF THE ROBOTS BUILT BY THE PEOPLE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND ATTACK DOCTOR ZACHARY?
I'D BETTER LET THE DOC SEE THIS STRAIGHT AWAY!
KROOOM
YAAA!

TRY AGAIN, BIG HEAD!
KLANG!
KNUCKLES - WHAT?..
NO... NOT THE ROBOT!
DOCTOR ZACHARY... RUN FOR IT!
OH NO, HE'S FROZEN WITH FEAR...
UHNNH!
WAAH!

MOMENTS LATER...
KNUCKLES... THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALIVE!
I...I'M OKAY... HEY, WHERE'S THE ROBOT?
HE TURNED AWAY FROM ME AT THE LAST SECOND.. HE WENT DOWN THERE!
THE EMERALD CHAMBER!
KRROOM!
WHAT? A QUAKE?
THE ROBOT... HE'S DOING SOMETHING TO THE MASTER EMERALD!
KRA-AAK!
NO!

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Saturday 8
Lincoln Water Carnival (Free)
Monday 10
Free 2000, Aberdeen (Free)
Saturday 15
The adhoc Big Day Out, Cambridge (Free)
Thursday 20
Weymouth Millennium Celebrations (Free)
Sat 22 & Sun 23
Lambeth Country Show, London (Free)
Saturday 29
Ealing Summer Festival London (Kids £5)
Sunday 30
Seaham Summer Festival Co. Durham (Free)

AUGUST

Friday 4
Portsmouth & Southsea Show (Kids £3/Adults £5)
Sunday 6
The Millennium Carnival, Birmingham
Sat 12 & Sun 13
Ashfield Show 2000, Mansfield (Free)
Saturday 19
The Bolton Show (Free)
Sunday 20
Liscard Alive 2000, The Wirral (Free)
Mon 21 & Tues 22
The Rose of Tralee, Eire (Free)
Sunday 27
The Sheffield Show (Kids £2/Adults £3)
Tuesday 29
Ould Lammas Fair, Northern Ireland (Free)

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2 & Sun 3
Bristol International Kite Festival (Free)
Saturday 9
The Hull Show (Free)

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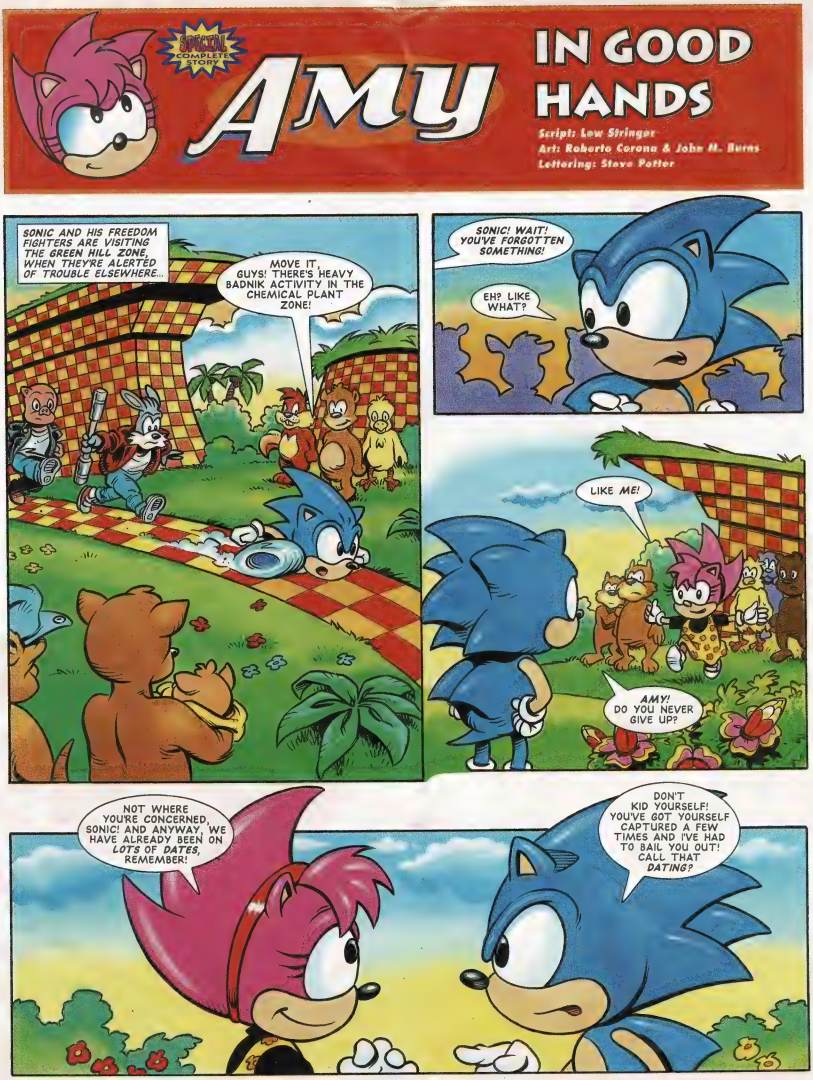
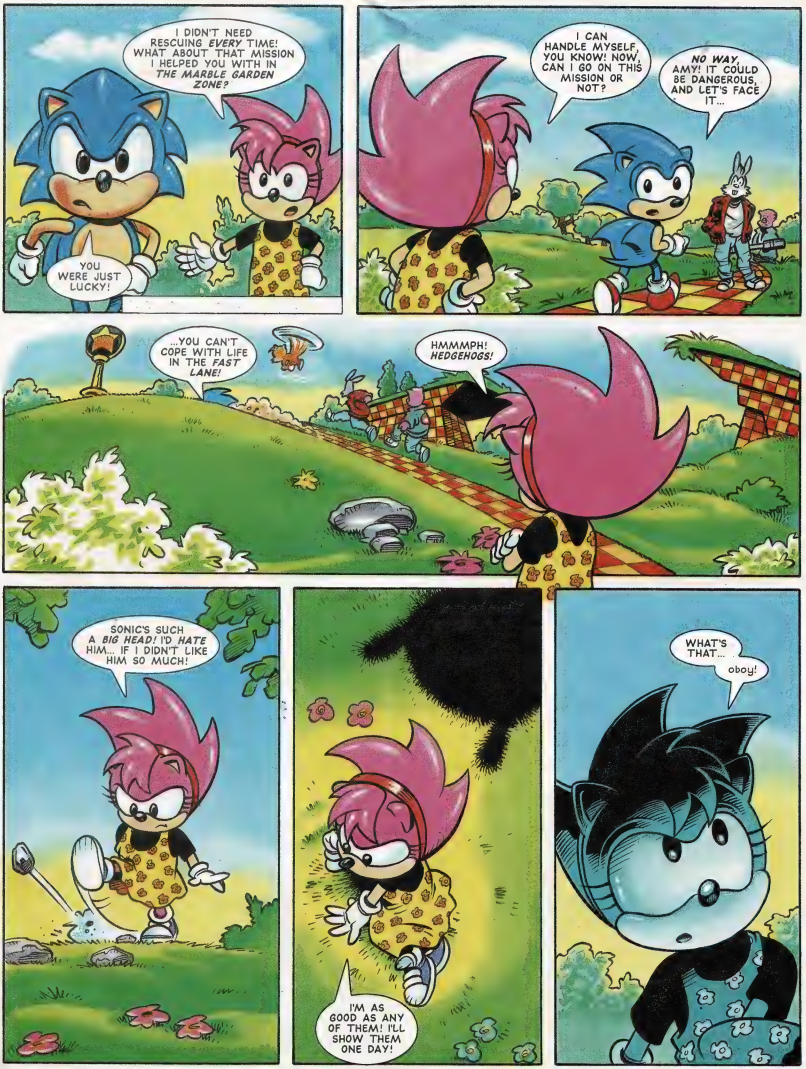
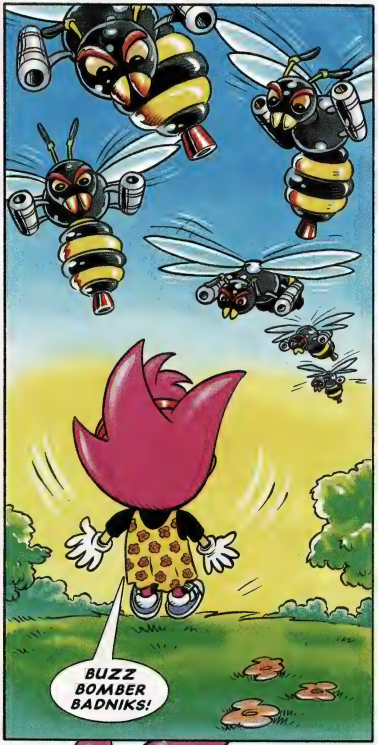
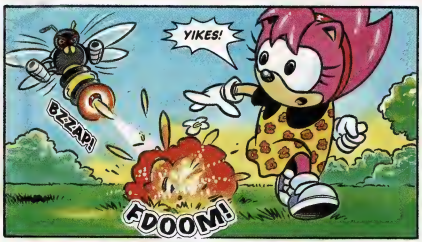

SPECIAL COMPLETE STORY
AMY
IN GOOD HANDS
Script: Lew Stringer
Art: Roberto Corona & John M. Burns
Lettering: Steve Potter
SONIC AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE VISITING THE GREEN HILL ZONE, WHEN THEY'RE ALERTED OF TROUBLE ELSEWHERE...
MOVE IT, GUYS! THERE'S HEAVY BADNIK ACTIVITY IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE!
SONIC! WAIT! YOU'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING!
EH? LIKE WHAT?
LIKE ME!
AMY! DO YOU NEVER GIVE UP?
NOT WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED, SONIC! AND ANYWAY, WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ON LOTS OF DATES, REMEMBER!
DON'T KID YOURSELF! YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF CAPTURED A FEW TIMES AND I'VE HAD TO BAIL YOU OUT! CALL THAT DATING?


I DIDN'T NEED RESCUING *EVERY* TIME! WHAT ABOUT THAT MISSION I HELPED YOU WITH IN *THE MARBLE GARDEN ZONE*?
YOU WERE JUST LUCKY!
I CAN HANDLE MYSELF, YOU KNOW! NOW, CAN I GO ON THIS MISSION OR NOT?
NO WAY, AMY! IT COULD BE DANGEROUS, AND LET'S FACE IT...
...YOU CAN'T COPE WITH LIFE IN THE *FAST LANE!*
HMMMPH! *HEDGEHOGS!*
SONIC'S SUCH A *BIG HEAD!* I'D *HATE* HIM... IF I DIDN'T LIKE HIM SO MUCH!
I'M AS GOOD AS ANY OF THEM! I'LL SHOW THEM ONE DAY!
WHAT'S THAT...
oboy!


BUZZ BOMBER BADNIKS!


YIKES!
BZZAP!
FDOOM!

THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO ATTACK WHEN SONIC AND CO. AREN'T HERE TO STOP THEM!

THAT WARNING ABOUT DANGER IN ANOTHER ZONE WAS A LIE SO THAT SONIC WOULD LEAVE THE GREEN HILL UNPROTECTED!

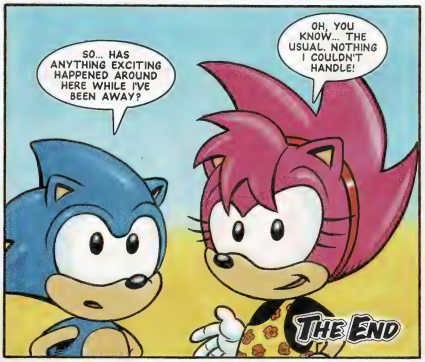
NOT...ONLY IT'S NOT COMPLETELY UNPROTECTED... THOSE BADNIKS HAVE ME TO DEAL WITH!

HEY, HOW ABOUT PICKING ON A GIRL WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF?
I'M HANDY WITH A CROSS-BOW...
KDANG!
FWUP!
...IN FACT, I MADE THE BOLTS MYSELF!
TROUBLE IS, I ONLY MADE THREE BOLTS, AND THERE'S SIX OF YOU!
YEEK! LOOKS LIKE PLAYTIME'S OVER, GUYS!

FWAMM!
BLAMM!
BWAMM!
HEH. NO BRAKES, HUH?

HI, FELLAS! BEEN BUSY?
NOT EXACTLY. TURNED OUT TO BE A FALSE ALARM!

SONIC EVEN SUSPECTED THAT IT WAS A TRICK TO GET US OUT OF THIS ZONE.
YOU DON'T SAY!

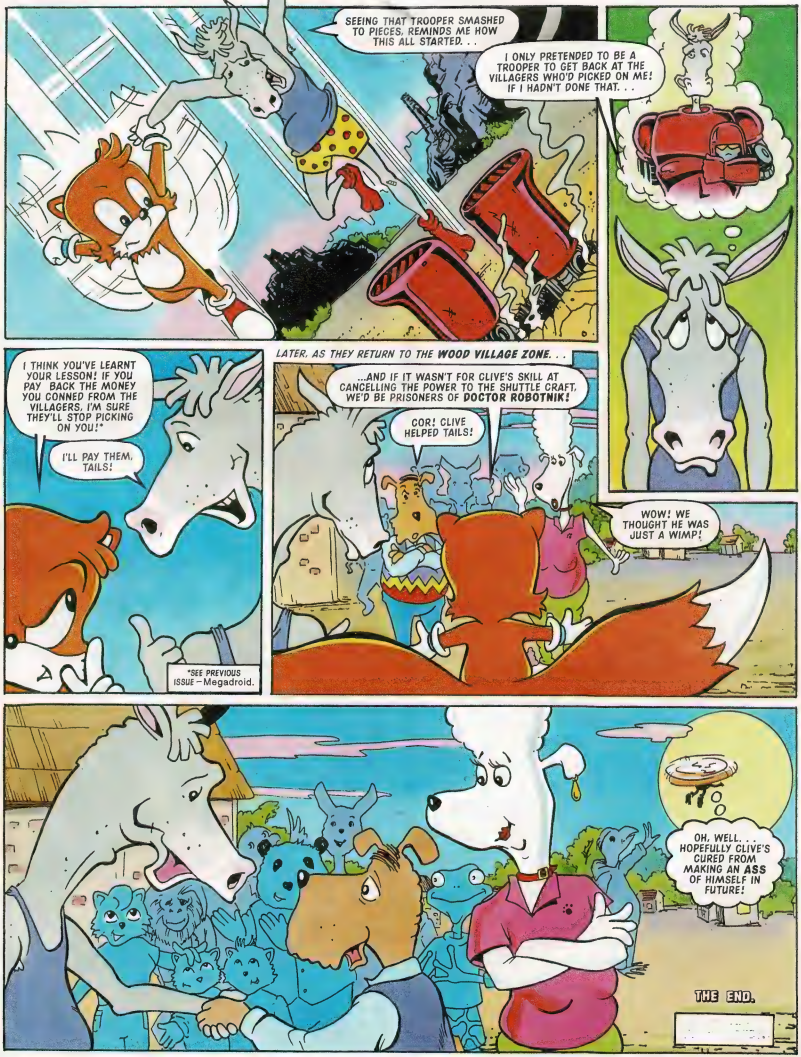

SO... HAS ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPENED AROUND HERE WHILE I'VE BEEN AWAY?
OH, YOU KNOW... THE USUAL. NOTHING I COULDN'T HANDLE!
THE END

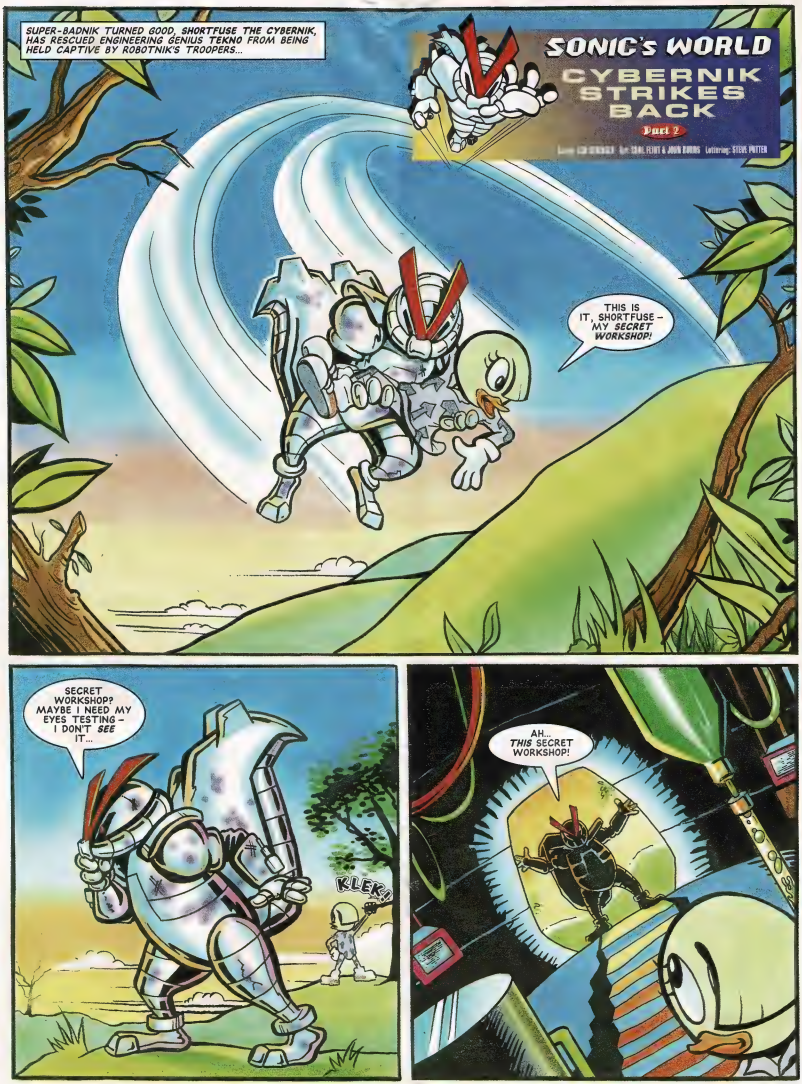
TAILS AND CLIVE THE DONKEY, A RESIDENT OF THE WOOD VILLAGE ZONE, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY ROBOTNIK'S TROOPERS. . .
YOU'RE NOW OUR PRISONERS! MOVE!
WHY DO YOU DUDES HAVE TO BE SO IMPOLITE?
TAILS Trooper Trouble
PART 2
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT, TAILS. I GOT US INTO THIS MESS!
DON'T WORRY, CLIVE! THERE'S ALWAYS SOME WAY TO GET OUT OF SITUATIONS LIKE THIS!
ERM. . . ALTHOUGH THESE ELECTRONIC CUFFS MIGHT MAKE ESCAPE A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT THAN I EXPECTED!
BZZZ-KLIK
ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE, OUTLAW!
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: CARL FLINT
Colouring: GINA HART Lettering: TOM FRAME
I'LL FIND A WAY OUT, CLIVE! I'M ALWAYS BEING CAPTURED!
THAT DOESN'T EXACTLY INSPIRE ME WITH CONFIDENCE, TAILS!

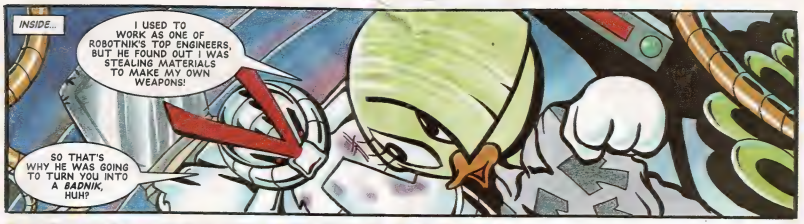
ZZZHK!
YEOW! I GUESS THESE THINGS CAN'T BE REMOVED BY FORCE!
I'VE AN IDEA!
I'LL TRY TO REMOVE THIS PANEL AND CUT THE POWER! KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE GUARDS!
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SCREWDRIVER FROM?
I'M NEVER WITHOUT ONE! I'M INTO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REMEMBER!
HURRY UP! THE GUARD'S GETTING SUSPICIOUS!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
ULP! I HOPE THIS WORKS!
WELL DONE, BUDDY! WE'RE FREE!

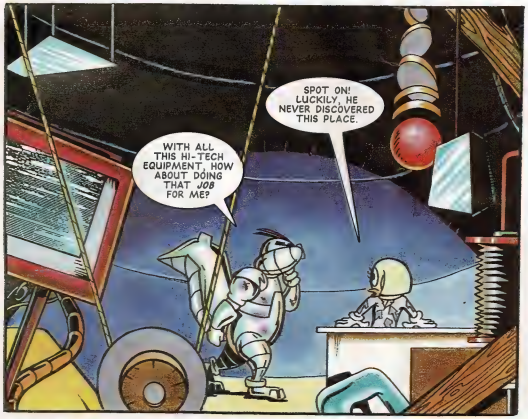
YIKE! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I'D SAY YOU DIDN'T JUST CUT THE POWER TO THE CUFFS, CLIVE!
YOU'VE CUT THE POWER TO THE WHOLE SHUTTLE CRAFT! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
ULP! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WE'D TAKEN OFF!
HANG ON! THIS IS OUR STOP!
ALL POWER HAS FAILED!
EJECT! EJECT!
HOLD TIGHT, CLIVE!

KABOOMM!
OH NO! ONE OF THOSE BUCKET-HEADS BAILED OUT BEFORE THE CRASH!
I'LL JUST TRY SOMETHING! DON'T LET GO, CLIVE!
I HADN'T INTENDED TO!
ZZAP!
ZZAP!
ZZAP!
RRIP!
JUST AS I THOUGHT! TYPICAL DIM-WITTED TROOPER!
UH-OH! ERROR!
WHHEEEE--
CRRAASH!

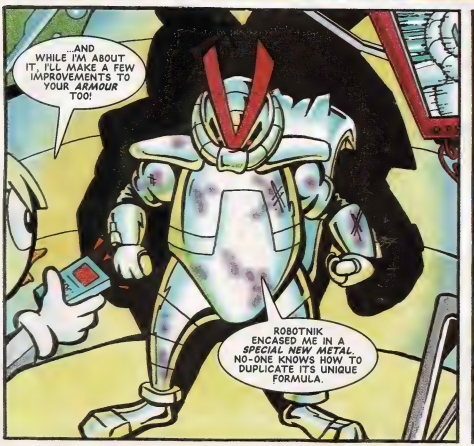

SEEING THAT TROOPER SMASHED TO PIECES, REMINDS ME HOW THIS ALL STARTED. . .
I ONLY PRETENDED TO BE A TROOPER TO GET BACK AT THE VILLAGERS WHO'D PICKED ON ME! IF I HADN'T DONE THAT. . .
I THINK YOU'VE LEARNT YOUR LESSON! IF YOU PAY BACK THE MONEY YOU CONNED FROM THE VILLAGERS, I'M SURE THEY'LL STOP PICKING ON YOU!*
I'LL PAY THEM, TAILS!
*SEE PREVIOUS ISSUE – Megadroid.
LATER, AS THEY RETURN TO THE WOOD VILLAGE ZONE. . .
...AND IF IT WASN'T FOR CLIVE'S SKILL AT CANCELLING THE POWER TO THE SHUTTLE CRAFT, WE'D BE PRISONERS OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
COR! CLIVE HELPED TAILS!
WOW! WE THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A WIMP!
OH, WELL. . . HOPEFULLY CLIVE'S CURED FROM MAKING AN ASS OF HIMSELF IN FUTURE!
THE END.


SUPER-BADNIK TURNED GOOD, SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK, HAS RESCUED ENGINEERING GENIUS TEKNO FROM BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY ROBOTNIK'S TROOPERS...
SONIC'S WORLD
CYBERNIK STRIKES BACK
Part 2
Letters: STEVE POTTER
THIS IS IT, SHORTFUSE – MY SECRET WORKSHOP!
SECRET WORKSHOP? MAYBE I NEED MY EYES TESTING – I DON'T SEE IT...
KLEK!
AH... THIS SECRET WORKSHOP!

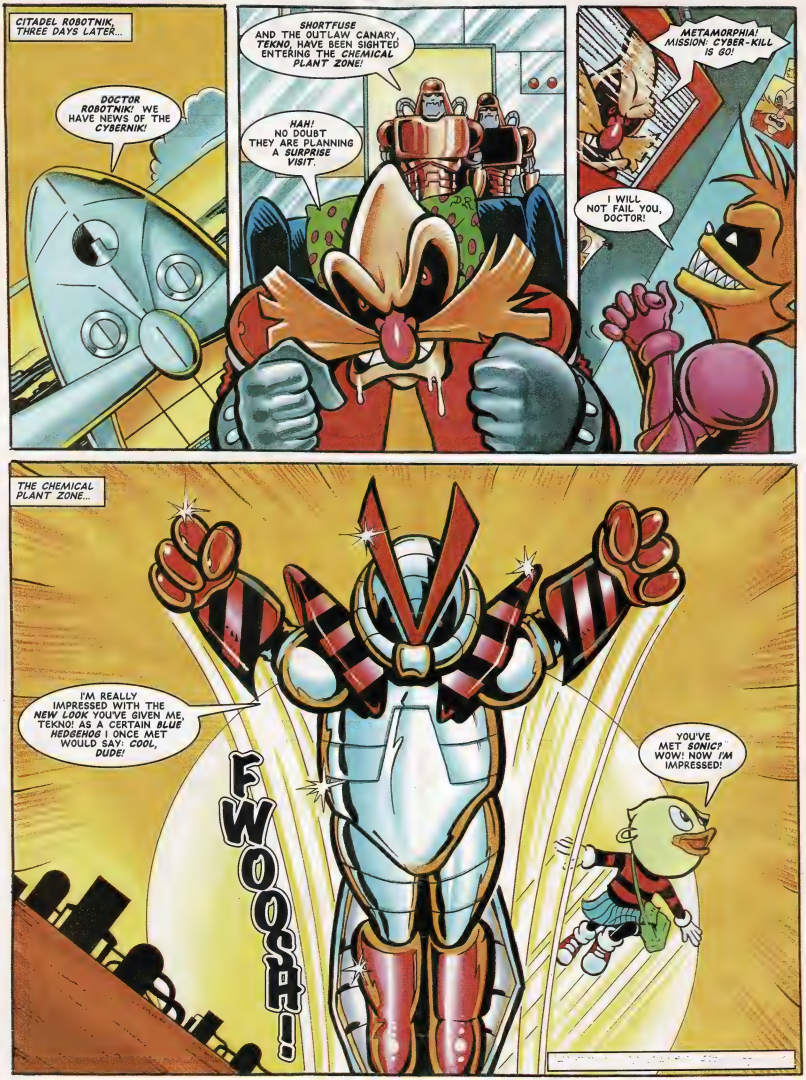

INSIDE...
I USED TO WORK AS ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S TOP ENGINEERS, BUT HE FOUND OUT I WAS STEALING MATERIALS TO MAKE MY OWN WEAPONS!
SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS GOING TO TURN YOU INTO A BADNIK, HUH?

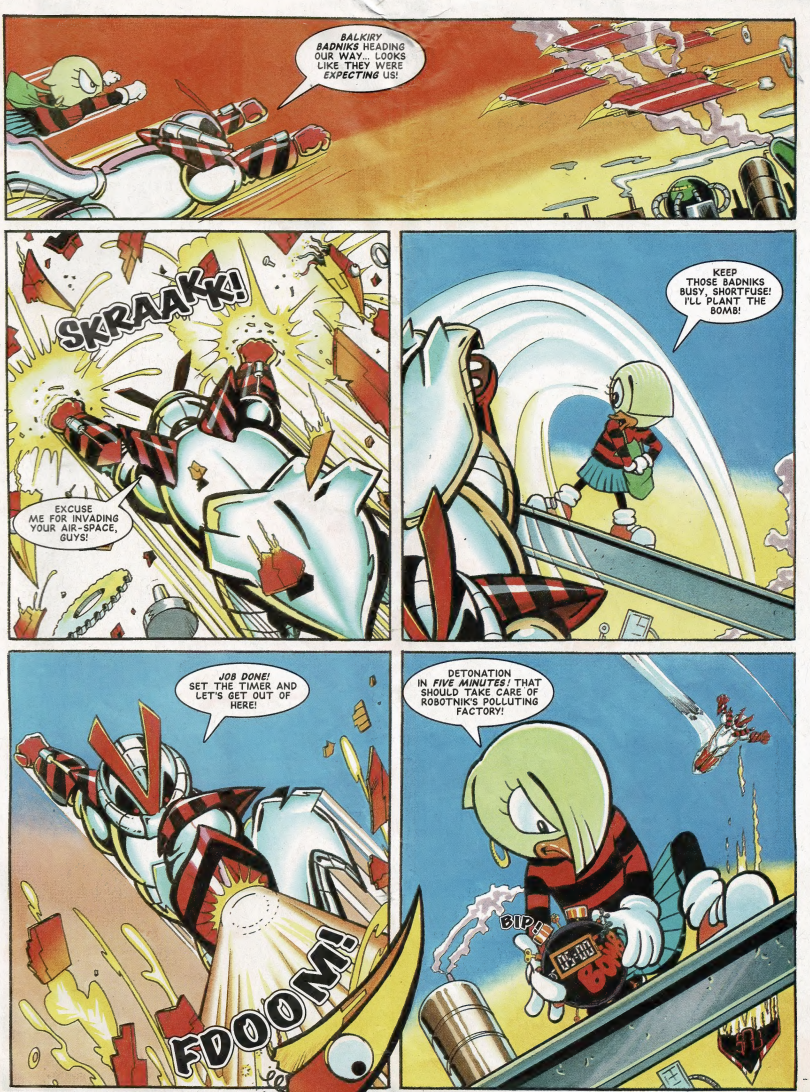

WITH ALL THIS HI-TECH EQUIPMENT, HOW ABOUT DOING THAT JOB FOR ME?
SPOT ON! LUCKILY, HE NEVER DISCOVERED THIS PLACE.

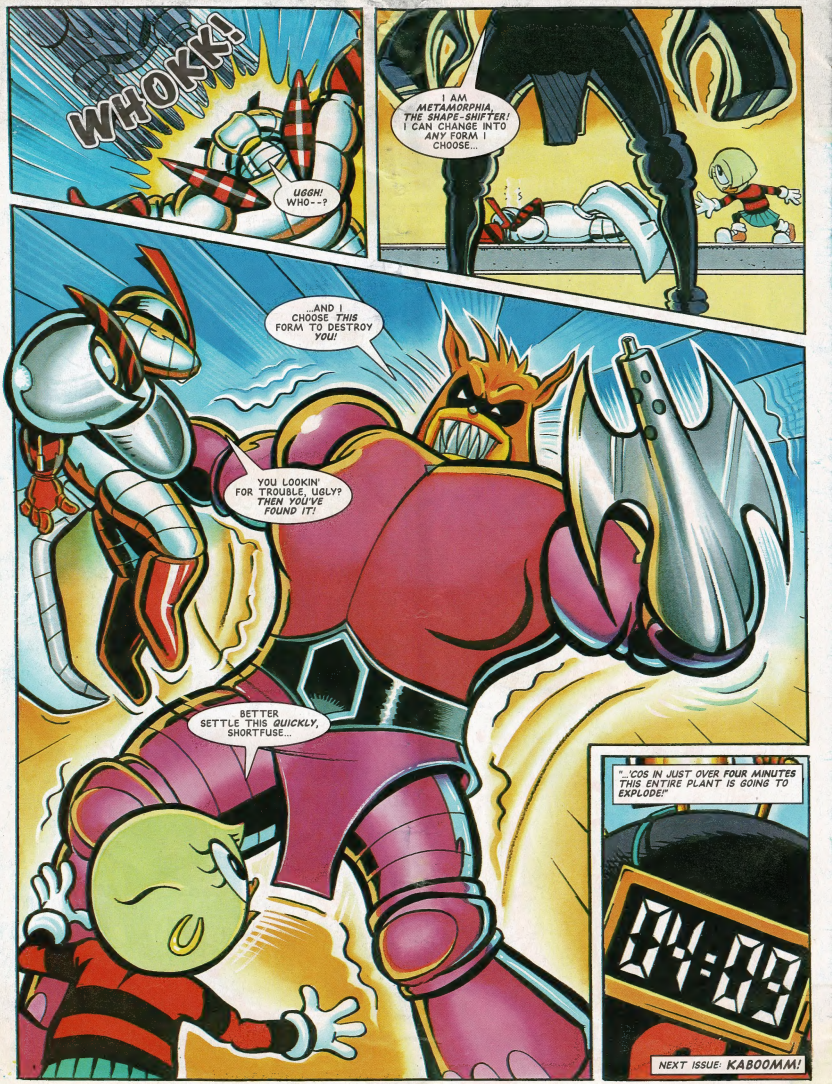
WELL... AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT EXPECTING A MASTERPIECE... BESIDES NO ONE EVER BUILT A BOMB TO LAST DID THEY?


...AND WHILE I'M ABOUT IT, I'LL MAKE A FEW IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR ARMOUR TOO!
ROBOTNIK ENCASED ME IN A SPECIAL NEW METAL. NO-ONE KNOWS HOW TO DUPLICATE ITS UNIQUE FORMULA.

WELL, I DO! THE SCANNER SHOWS YOUR ARMOUR IS MADE OF A SUPER-ALLOY CALLED MEGATAL... A METAL THAT I HELPED CREATE!


CITADEL ROBOTNIK, THREE DAYS LATER...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! WE HAVE NEWS OF THE CYBERNIK!
SHORTFUSE AND THE OUTLAW CANARY, TEKNO, HAVE BEEN SIGHTED ENTERING THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE!
HAH! NO DOUBT THEY ARE PLANNING A SURPRISE VISIT.
METAMORPHIA! MISSION: CYBER-KILL IS GO!
I WILL NOT FAIL YOU, DOCTOR!
THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...
I'M REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE NEW LOOK YOU'VE GIVEN ME, TEKNO! AS A CERTAIN BLUE HEDGEHOG I ONCE MET WOULD SAY: COOL, DUDE!
FWOOSH!
YOU'VE MET SONIC? WOW! NOW I'M IMPRESSED!


BALKIRY BADNIKS HEADING OUR WAY... LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE EXPECTING US!
SKRAAK-K!
EXCUSE ME FOR INVADING YOUR AIR-SPACE, GUYS!
KEEP THOSE BADNIKS BUSY, SHORTFUSE! I'LL PLANT THE BOMB!
JOB DONE! SET THE TIMER AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
FDOOM!
DETONATION IN FIVE MINUTES! THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF ROBOTNIK'S POLLUTING FACTORY!
BIP!
05:00
BOMB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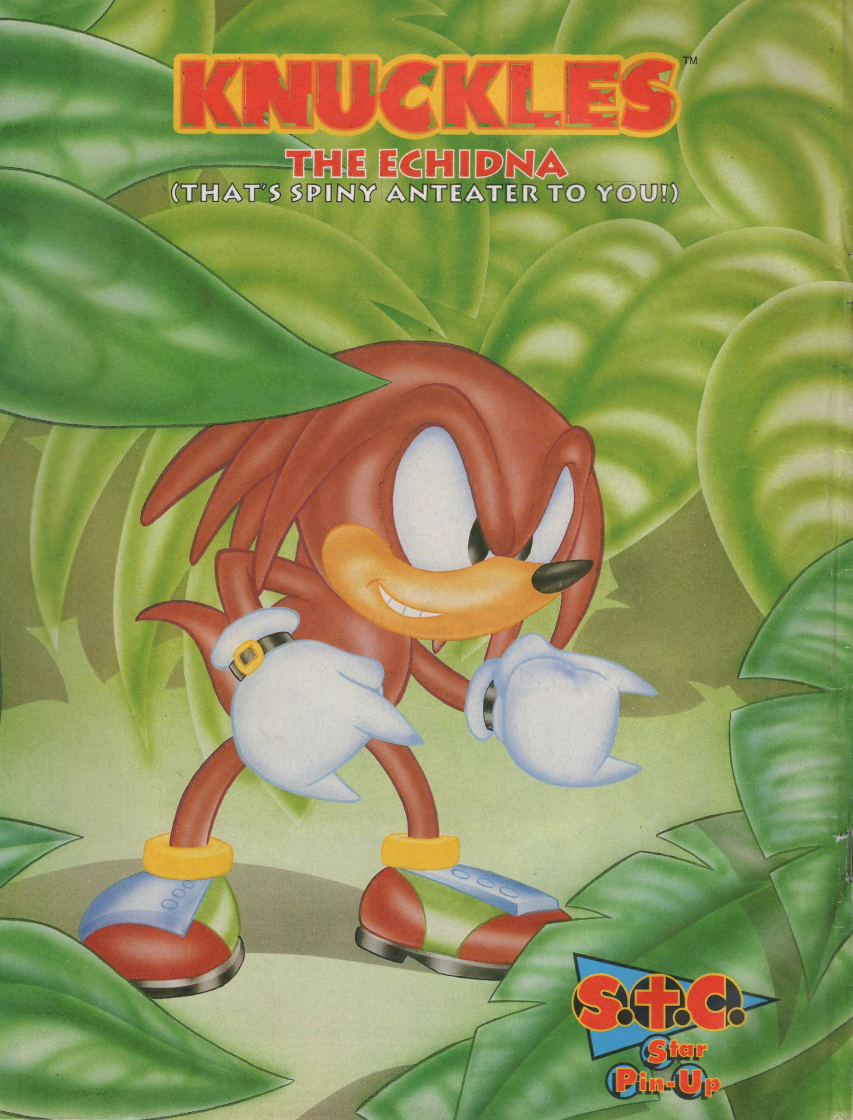

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